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Rebuts Romney's Charges

Missouri

'MARSHALL PLAN' FOR CITIES . . . St. Louis Mayor A. J. Cervantes called yesterday for a federal "Marshall Plan" for U. S. cities similar to that used to rebuild a shattered Europe after World War II.

The mayor said during a news conference in his office that St. Louis alone needs \$500 million to rebuild the city. He said the federal government could lay its hands on the needed money by cutting back space and foreign aid programs.

National

CLARK ON ROMNEY . . . U. S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said today in Washington that Michigan Gov. George Romney—who accused President Johnson of playing politics during Detroit's racial rioting—"expressed his gratitude to me several times" for federal action in the troubled city.

"I never detected anything but cordiality in all of our conversation," Clark said. It was the first direct response by a top official of the Johnson administration to Republican Romney's charge of politics.

TRUMAN COUSIN RETIRING . . . Retiring Lt. Gen. Louis W. Truman, a cousin of former President Harry S. Truman, turns over command of the 3rd Army today in Atlanta to Lt. Gen. John L. Throckmorton. Truman was presented the Distinguished Service Medal for his service from May 1962 through July 1967.

International

CHU JOINS MAO BANDWAGON . . . Marshal Chu Teh belatedly tottered onto Mao Tse-tung's shaky bandwagon last night after being humiliated, criticized and then apparently making his peace with Mao.

The 81-year-old marshal, a co-founder with Mao of the Chinese Red Army, appeared with his former colleagues at a reception in Peking honoring the army's 40th anniversary.

CARACAS TOLL RISES . . . The toll from earthquakes that devastated Caracas and northwestern Venezuela climbed today to 149 known dead. At least 100 persons are still missing.

A minor earthquake struck battered Caracas today, but the only death reported was that of a man who leaped in panic from his third-floor apartment.

Happy Birthday Tomorrow

Miss Jane Abell, Mrs. Ruth Bratek, Ben Cassidy, Jerry C. Calvin, Mrs. Sanford Cunningham, Paul Heavin, Miss Geneva Henderson, Kenneth Holt, Robert Lewis, William Clarence Loyd, Miss Kirsten Titmarsh

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\$1.40 Per \$100 Sought

City Tax Hike Proposed

Columbia taxpayers will pay 35 cents per \$100 assessed valuation more next year, according to the recommended city budget made public today by City Manager Don Allard.

Approval of the budget and the levy rests with the City Council, which has the power to change the budget request.

Last year's rate was \$1.05 per \$100. This year Allard recommends a rate of \$1.40 per \$100. Part of the increase—10 cents, required by state law—is for the public library building and operating funds. The 25-cent increase is for general revenue.

In 1965-66 the rate for the general fund was 80 cents. For a 10-year period before it was 85 cents.

But this is the first time the tax rate package has climbed to \$1.40—swelled by a return to the normal 40-cent library tax rate. For two years, 1963-64 and 1964-65, the total was \$1.35.

Revenues will come from an estimated levy of

\$481,750 on real property, a jump from last year's \$292,600.

Cigarette taxes at 3 cents a pack, will add \$166,000; cars, trucks and motorcycles will add another \$82,000 and the mixed refuse disposal unit will garner another \$292,000 in fees.

But this income is relatively small compared to revenue paid into the general fund by users of the city water and light utilities. The estimated transfer this coming year—called "in-lieu-of-taxes" because city owned utilities pay no taxes to any other governmental unit—will amount to \$964,000, up from last year's estimated \$906,000.

That makes the total revenue for the general fund \$3,141,000 for the coming year that starts Oct. 1 and ends Sept. 30, 1968. Last year revenue was up, Allard reported, because the city was able to use some \$560,000 in surplus and the Douglass School Urban Renewal project refunded \$180,900—a non-recurring

revenue. The surplus now is down to \$294,000.

Rough budget allocations are as follows:

For public safety, police, fire, inspection, animal control, civil defense—\$945,722, up from last year's \$871,334; for highways, streets and street lighting, \$464,165; mixed refuse and street cleaning, \$375,550; parks and recreation, \$271,321; pensions, social security payments and insurance, \$202,500.

Other costs include legislative and administrative, \$365,234; engineering, \$125,340; airport, \$32,500; bus line subsidy, \$64,000 and contingent account, \$80,000.

By accounts, that's a total of \$3,042,297.

Figured another way it means: \$1,963,692 in salaries; \$152,535 in supplies; \$84,260 in structure maintenance; \$55,345 in equipment maintenance; \$259,195 in miscellaneous services and \$130,105 in sundry charges.

Allard also proposed budgets for city-owned utilities, parking facilities, public transportation and debt service.

Total Income To Surpass \$7 Million

Columbia's income from all sources is expected to reach \$7,273,000 for the coming year, in part from a recommended 35-cent tax increase plus tremendous growth in the community, City Manager, Don Allard said today in submitting his budget for the year starting Oct. 1.

This income would be \$520,000 above the 1966-67 year which ends Sept. 30.

Allard said, "The proposed 1967-68 budget can best be described as a 'hold the line' budget, but as explained later the city government will be doing far more by way of public improvements in 1967-68 than at any time in the history of the city."

THE 35-CENT increase which would bring the tax rate to \$1.40 per \$100 of assessed valuation on real and personal property would come in part from a 10-cent increase in the rate already announced and required by state law. This 10-cent increase would be for the public library operating and building funds. The original 40-cent rate was reduced by law during the re-evaluation, and now by a similar statute reverts to its former rate of 40 cents. Last year it was 30 cents.

The general fund rate will go from 50 cents to 75 cents under Allard's recommendation. The remaining rate of 25 cents for bond funding remains the same as last year.

The tax rate for the general fund, which had been 80 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, was reduced last year because of a high surplus in the general fund accumulated over a period of years. This surplus was expended in the 1966-1967 fiscal year.

The proposed budget is "less than desired as far as I'm concerned," Allard said, although it does provide for continuing the existing level of services. For example, the budget does not allow for replacing equipment on a regular basis, which the city has been trying to do. The expenditure was cut back for this year, but will still be needed next year.

ONE REASON for what Allard described as a "tight" budget is that the city is awaiting the development of several major planning projects. No major street improvement projects are budgeted for next year, because "we're caught up, for now," and the city is awaiting completion of a comprehensive transportation plan, before undertaking new projects.

As there are no major capital improvements or increased services in the new budget, most of the increase in the city's expenditure will be in personnel. There is a general salary increase and funds for hospitalization insurance for city employees. The salary increase is approximately 4 per cent, although it may be more in some cases because of job re-classifications.

The salary increases are not in line with the requests of two unions in which some city employees are now enrolled, Allard said.

"These two unions, The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and Laborer's International Union of North America requested a pay increase and extension of fringe benefits that were beyond the financial ability of the city to meet without a substantially greater increase in taxes and service charges than I feel I can justifiably recommend," Allard said.

Salaries and wages in the budget jump from \$1,736,539 to \$1,963,692 for the coming year, an increase of more than \$200,000.

The budget does not include the \$21,790,000 in capital improvements that have been planned over the past four years and expected to be underway in the coming year. These include: the new regional airport, \$3,400,000; water and light utilities improvements, \$16,650,000; sanitary sewer system expansion, \$1,150,000 and the new public parking garage estimated at \$590,000, including land costs.

Ogden Succeeds Isely As Chamber Manager



GEORGE M. OGDEN

George M. Ogden has been named to succeed Charles E. (Chuck) Isely as manager of the Chamber of Commerce effective Sept. 1, Raymond Young, Chamber president, announced this morning.

The 40-year-old appointee was selected from approximately 30 applicants by a special committee headed by Arthur E. Brenneman, vice president of the chamber board.

A native of Oklahoma, Ogden has had more than six years experience as a chamber manager, serving in Hobart, Okla., from 1959 to 1963, and in Shawnee, Okla., from 1963 until the present.

Ogden is first vice president of the Chamber of Commerce Executives and a member of the American Chamber of Commerce Executives. He has been selected as one of 30 organization managers to attend the Academy in Organizational Management at Michigan State University to be held later this year.

The former school teacher is married and the father of two children, Mike, 16, and Terry Sue, 3, and is a member of the Methodist Church and the Rotary Club.

Legislature's Pay Raise Ruled Out Until 1969

JEFFERSON CITY (AP) — Atty. Gen. Norman H. Anderson ruled today Missouri legislators cannot get their pay increase until Jan. 8, 1969, the first day of the next legislative session.

Legislators voted to increase their pay from \$4,800 to \$8,400 a year. They also

appropriated \$525,000 to make the increase effective when the law takes effect Oct. 13.

But the attorney general pointed out the constitutional amendment allowing legislators to fix their own rate of pay says:

"No law fixing the compensation of members of the General Assembly shall become effective until the first day of the regular session of the General Assembly next following the session at which the law was enacted."

Anderson told State Comptroller John C. Vaughn, who asked for the opinion, all representatives and senators, including holdover senators, will be entitled to the pay increase on the first day of the 1969 session.

Under these circumstances, the \$525,000 voted in the omnibus appropriations bill to make the increase immediate will revert to general revenue.

Senate to Probe Riots

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Rules Committee recommended today that the veteran crime investigator, Sen. John L. McClellan, D-Ark., handle an inquiry into big city rioting.

The committee, by an 8-1 vote, adopted a resolution expanding the authority of McClellan's investigating group, boosting its funds by \$150,000 and directing that an interim report on disorders be filed by Oct. 2.

Allies Kill 350 Viet Cong

SAIGON (AP)—U. S. and South Vietnamese forces have killed 350 Viet Cong in the largest allied assault of the war in the Mekong Delta, field commanders in the operation reported today.

The U. S. Command in Saigon announced the massive ground and river operation by an estimated 10,000 troops was launched last Friday to "clear out Viet Cong whose mining of the main highway from the delta has raised food prices in Saigon. The announcement of the operation was withheld for five days for security reasons.

The U. S. Command said that U. S. casualties were 16 dead and 59 wounded. Unofficial reports from the field said 28 South Vietnamese troops had been killed and 50 wounded.

Elsewhere in South Vietnam, only light ground action was reported.

The air war in North Vietnam jumped back to normal scale Monday as the weather cleared and Navy fliers resumed full operations after the disruption caused by the fire aboard the carrier Forrestal.

U. S. fliers flew a total of 136 missions, 46 more than the 90 flown Sunday. Many

of their targets were in the Hanoi-Haiphong area which had been protected by bad weather in recent weeks.

Two more American warplanes were lost, raising to 627 the number of U. S. combat planes reported lost over North Vietnam. Three crewmen were listed as missing.

Two U. S. Army helicopters also were destroyed in a collision which killed eight men near the coastal city of Tuy Hoa, 250 miles northeast of Saigon.

Troops of the U. S. 9th and 25th Infantry divisions, South Vietnamese Rangers and Marines and a U. S. Navy task force were taking part in the big delta sweep centered about 14 miles west of My Tho, one of the largest cities in the rich rice-producing area.

Lt. Gen. Fred C. Weyand, commander of Field Force II, said the force is trying to root out Viet Cong who have been mining Highway 4, the main road over which rice and other farm products move to Saigon.

In the past 10 days, Weyand said, the Viet Cong cut the road eight times, rais-

Utility Budget Estimated For 1968

Columbia's water and light utility budget estimates a combined revenue of \$1,754,600 for next year, up \$522,000 from estimates for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30.

Of this amount, \$721,000 is the estimated income from the water utility alone.

City Don Allard recommended hiring five more employees to operate the water plant. Largest expenses will be \$126,600 for water utility distribution mains, and an estimated \$135,000 for line transformers.

The sewer utility budget shows an income of \$525,000 from sewer service charges and other sources. The major expense was \$251,390 for operating costs, out of \$528,675 spent.

THE CITY bus budget estimates an operating income of \$80,000 for next year, up from this year's \$76,500. The city subsidy of \$64,000, compares with \$210,000 this year, which included costs of new buses and a garage.

Income for the parking facilities budget of \$169,866 is up slightly because the 200-space parking garage should be in operation for part of the coming year. Outlays are expected to be lower next year since part of the money for parking garage land purchase will come from this year's general fund.

The debt service budget will need \$173,000 for yearly payments on principal and interest on city bonds due next year.

Ninety-nine page booklets of the six budgets and Allard's message have been sent to City Councilmen and will be presented to the Council at its regular meeting Aug. 7.

Illegal Left Turn Means Trip to 'Pen'

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP)—A motorist is on his way to the federal penitentiary in Georgia because he made an illegal left turn in Joplin Monday.

Patrolman Bob Clifton, seeing the violation, stopped the man and asked for his driver's license.

"No sense in further questioning," the man said. "I'm an escapee from the federal prison in Atlanta and this car was stolen in Summerville, N. J."

ing food prices in Saigon.

Troops of the South Vietnamese 7th Division began a reconnaissance of Route 4 last Wednesday. Two days later U. S. Navy barracks ships pushed up the My Tho River to land a brigade from the U. S. 9th Division in the flooded rice paddies south of the highway.

The U. S. troops began closing in on elements of three hardcore Viet Cong battalions.

On the demilitarized zone front, Communist gunners poured 40 rounds of mortar fire on a battalion command post of the 9th Marine Regiment just below the zone and wounded nine Marines.

Pilots from the carrier Intrepid, which replaced the fire-ravaged Forrestal in the Gulf of Tonkin, reported destroying a boat yard near the city of Vinh, in the lower part of North Vietnam.

B52 bombers struck twice today at main Communist infiltration routes in the northwest corner of South Vietnam within sight of the Laotian border. The two raids came in the wake of a B52 strike Monday against the nearby Shau Valley which has been under heavy air attack.